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OTHER POPULAR SPEAKERS

Maud Ballington Booth Receives Much Money for Speaking-Objections to Senator Tillman.

BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS. for The Star and the Chicago Record Herald.

According to the report of his agents, Mr. William Jennings Bryan is making about \$50,000 a year from his lectures. Mr. Charles L. Wagner, secretary of the Slayton lyceum bureau, which manages his lecture tours, tells me that he has filled 175 dates during the year 1907, and that his receipts for the season have averaged more than \$300 for each appearance. Mr. Bryan stands at the head of the list of platform speakers today, for the size of his audiences, for the receipts at the box office, and for the demands for his appear-

"Mr. Bryan's regular charge at chautauquas," said Mr. Wagner, "is the first \$250 taken at the gate and half of all the receipts over \$500, not including season tickets. He is the only man who can make such a liberal contract. For evening lectures in a course he charges \$200 cash as a guarantee and half of all the receipts at the door. For single evening lectures not in a regular course he asks half the

"His average for the season under these rems has been more than \$300 a lecture, and he has probably filled 175 dates under our management without including his political speeches. He started out on the 6th of January last and spoke almost every day until September 10, frequently twice a day, and once during the summer three times morning afternoon and eventwice a day, and once during the summer three times, morning, afternoon and evening, in three different towns in Iowa. In addition to these he has made a large number of political speeches during the year; he has spoken at conventions, banquets, college commencements, Y. M. C. A. and church meetings, and on other occasions without a fee, of which I have kept no record.

Bryan's Conditions.

"Mr. Bryan uses a special form of contract, prepared by himself, which differs in terms from the contracts of all other lecturers. The chief features of his contracts are the stipulation that the general admission to his lectures shall not exceed fifty cents; that he will not lecture under individual management or where the profits go to individuals. The contract reads: 'It is further expressly understood and agreed that this engagement is given and agreed that this engagement is given under the auspices of some church, Young Men's Christian Association, lectura course, literary, educational, fraternal or charitable institution, and all profits realized from this lecture shall be used for the benefit of said auspices under which said lecture is given. It is further understood that should this lecture be given under the auspices of a lecture course, there shall be not less than two other lecturers

"Mr. Bryan never speaks for money on Sunday, except at chautauquas, where an admission fee is charged. He prefers to speak to free audiences on that day, and nearly every Sunday during the last summer he spoke at least once, and usually twice, for some church, some Y. M. C. A. or some college. He always likes to visit small colleges and help them. I do not know what he charges for political speeches or what arrangements he makes. speeches or what arrangements he makes have never had anything to do with

Bryan's Three Lectures.

"We advertised three lectures for him, The Prince of Peace' he likes the best cople. It is a eulogy of Jesus Christ and His teachings, and his description of Aucifixion is one of the most eloent word-paintings ever heard by human ears. He has delivered that lecture at least 600 times and never varies a word at least 600 times and never varies a word in delivery. His memory is so accurate that he pever makes a mistake. 'The Value of an Ideal' is an older lecture, and although it is not delivered so often these days it has probably been heard quite as many times as the other. 'The Old World and Its Ways' is his new lecture and is the result of his recent that around the world. He delivered this at many chautanous last summer, and at many chautauquas last summer, and probably 150 times altogether during the

Bryan ever had was at Seattle last January, where he delivered The Prime of Peace to 8,000 people, and his receipts we over \$2,000. The greatest audience he was at Carthage, Mo., where 12,000 people gathered to hear him.

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'He closed his tour for 1907 on the 10th of September with the exception of a few political engagements in the south. wanted him to give me one lecture in Chicago in a course that we had advertised there, but he declined because it would be a violation of his rule not to speak for the profits of individuals."
"Did Mr. Bryan deliver any lectures

Quoted Low in London.

"When he started on his tour around the world he asked me to have our London representative arrange a few dates for him in England. The latter replied he feared it would be impossible. He explained that Mr. Bryan was not popular in England, and he did not think the public would pay to hear him speak. The British people did not take any interest in American politics and did not have much respect for American politicians, while Mr. Bryan personally was princi-pally known in England because of his sympathy for the Boers during the South Arrican war. The writer closed his letter by saying that he did not think Mr. Bryan would draw three shillings in London. I sent this letter to Mr. Bryan and he read it at Franklin, Ohio, imme diately after the lecture that brought him the largest receipts of that summer. It appealed to his sense of humor, and he replied that it came just in time to keep him from getting 'chesty.' He said that him from getting 'chesty.' He said that he intended to frame it as a reminder. A month later, while he was in our offic in month later, while he was in our office in agent in London stating that he had an offer of 5 pounds for one lecture from Bryan in that city and asked me to cable the reply. Mr. Bryan read the letter and then remarked: 'That isn't a bad increase; he has raised the quotations for my lectures from 3 shillings to 5 pounds

crease; he has raised the quotations for my lectures from 3 shillings to 5 pounds in three weeks. Just watch the market, and when the bids reach a reasonable figure take a few dates."

"Mr. Bryan did not lecture in London for money," and Mr. Wagner. "He spoke for the American Society on the Fourth of July, and at the international peace congress, where he made a great sense. congress, where he made a great sensa-

Popular Call for Bryan.

Winnipeg for two nights for a thousand evaporate. that he shall give them two nights, but he has not accepted. We have on file more than 1,200 applications for the present winter and for next summer, but have been compelled to refuse them because Mr. Bryan has decided not to appear upon the lecture platform again until after the presidential campaign. He could get an operation of the second of the s larity has increased instead of diminished, dress F. A. Stuart Co., 175 Stuart Bidg., Marjudging from the anxiety of the lecture shall, Mica. managers throughout the United States to

MAKING \$50,000 AYEAR secure him. We have been acting as his agents for four years and have booked him for an average of 150 lectures a year during that time. He has never allowed us to book him in Nebraska. He has never er lectured for money in that state and has declined to do so repeatedly. In his Bryan in Great Demand as a settlements with committees he has been more generous and considerate than any lecturer I have ever handled. If his audi ence is kept away by the rain or by any accident he never insists upon his full price. He always gives the managers the benefit of all doubts. He has never had a dispute of any sort, although I have known of several occasions when he has been very badly treated. Nor will be al-low us to engage in a dispute over receipts and settlements on his account."

Other Popular Lecturers.

"Who is next in popularity among Amercan lecturers?" I asked Mr. Wagner. "Maud Ballington Booth," he affswered promptly. "Although she does not speak so often as Mr. Bryan, her receipts will everage quite as much as his, and every dollar she earns is expended in her prison relief work. She is a noble and a beautiful woman, and the greatest favorite upon the American platform. "Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who was re-

cently released from a British prison after serving fifteen years' sentence on a charge of having poisoned her husband, is proving to be a very successful platform speaker. She is winning great popu-She has made a good impression everywhere. She is a woman of remarkable talents and character. She has a fine stage presence, an admirable delivery, and has a message to the American people which is intensely interesting. She speaks for prison reform. She has visited twenty prisons in the United States, has horoughly inspected every one of them, and makes personal references to them in her lectures, which brings the subject of prison reform directly home to the

"Dr. Frank Gunsaulus of Chicago and Dr. Hillis of Brooklyn retain their popularity and are always in demand for all the dates they are able to fill. I could double the number of their engagements every year if they would permit me to do so, and they command the highest

"Gov. J. Frank Hapley of Indiana, however, is the best all-round lecturer among public men," continued Mr. Wagner. "If he were absolutely unknown the strength of his lecture would make him a success and give him an unusual reputation the first season. He spoke at a large num-ber of chautauquas last summer on 'The Patriotism of Peace,' and has the dis-tinction of receiving more return invitations than any man who has ever been on our list except Mr. Bryan and the late Sam Jones of Georgia

Objections to Tillman. "I understand you have dropped Till-

"Yes, we had to drop Senator Tillman," said Mr. Wagner. "We declined to act as his agents any longer because we cannot approve his methods or his manners or language upon the platform. He is always in demand; he always draws large audiences, and has made a great deal of money lecturing; but wherever he speaks he creates a sensation and a controversy, and sometimes a riot is threatened. He provokes the public temper and often his audiences are furious with him. The committees always complain of him and everywhere he speaks there are public protests against his language and be-

"There is a unique lecture course at Kewanee, Ill.," said Mr. Wagner, "supported by President Hewlitt of the West-ern Tube Works. That company employs 3,100 men and does a great deal for their instruction and entertainment. They have an auditorium seating exactly that number of people, in which they have a course of five lectures every season. He engages the best talent he can get and admission is free to employes of the com-

"There is an endowed lecture course at New Harmony, Ind., the old Rappite advertised to appear on said course of entertainment. Community founded by Robert Dale of entertainment. legacy which yields sufficient interest to

The question was recently asked in a newspaper, "What is the most dismal of professions?" Among those that occurred to us as having a claim to be so considered were grave digging, scavenging, listening to parliamentary orations through an all-night sitting, and the writing of poems—or articles—that nobody reads. The washing of dishes may be made interesting if done scientifically.

Open Air for Young Consumptives. Vienna Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

Under the auspices of the Alland Institution for Consumptives an interesting experiment was made during the summer in open-air treatment for young children infected with tuberculosis. Forty-eight little patients whose ages ranged between four and thirteen years were treated for five months with very gratifying results. At the end of this time forty children were sent home apparently quite cured, six showed very slight traces of the dis-ease and only two were in about the same condition as when they entered, while their general health was better.

These last eight cases had already reached a serious stage when the treat-ment began. All the children had gained in weight from two to eighteen pounds. The experiment will be continued with more vatients next year.

G. A. R. at White House. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic will make their customary New Year call on the President. Newton Ferree, department commander, requests that the comrades, both resident and visiting. assemble at department headquarters at 11:30 o'clock a.m., January 1, in full G. A. R. uniform, with white gloves and the badge of the order or in dark clothes. None but members of the G. A. R. will be permitted in line.

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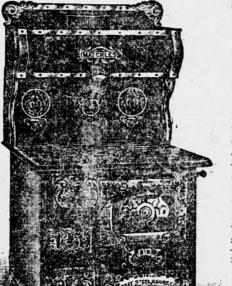
dollars a night. The managers of the Stuart's Calcium Wafers contain sulphide of lecture course there explain that they calcium, the strongest blood purifier known; also could not accommodate all who want to golden seal, quassia, eucalyptus, belladonua, and hear him at a single lecture, and insist that he shall give them two nights, but he has not accepted. We have on file more

engagement for every night in the year wonderful calcium waters, why send us your on his regular terms of \$200 a night and name and address and we will send you a free half the gate money. He is in greater sample package, so you can give them a fair popu- trial and convince yourself. Write teday. Ad-



An examination of the stock after the Xmas selling discloses many lines of Furniture that must be reduced-many odd pieces that must be closed out. To make this "clean-up" of stock as thorough as possible we have cut our regular UNDERSELLING PRICES TO THE VERY EXTREME-creating bargains that are well worth while profiting by. You can buy ON CREDIT—arranging to PAY A LITTLE AT A TIME AS YOUR CONVENIENCE PERMITS. Investigate these and many other BARGAINS OFFERED FOR MONDAY AND THE REST OF THE WEEK.

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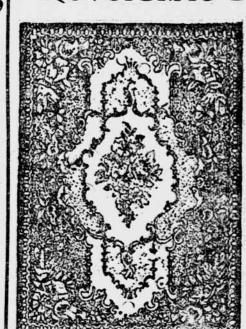
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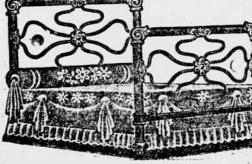
\$45 PARLOR SUITES, \$29.75



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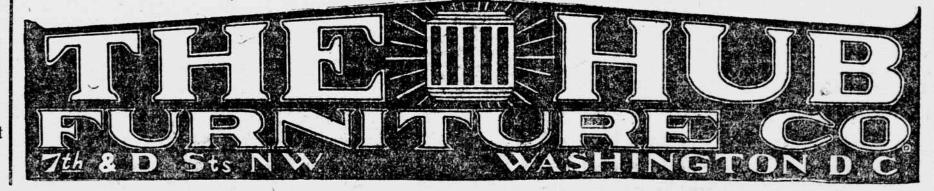


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OPIUM PIPES BURNED.

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Celebration of Prohibition of Drug in Hanchow.

From the New York Sun.

The Chinese take their form of prohibition festively. At the great fall celebration in Hanchow, the capital of the province of Tsekiang, all the opium of the province of Tsekiang, all the opium of the imperial government forbidding the use of opium in China.

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The pipes alone made a block seven feet high and six feet square. There were 10,000 of them neatly tied in bundles.

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